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## **HERO** Robert H. Waldruff

Young and proud America needed him  
wanting the best Marine he chose  
earning the title more difficult than imagined

Leaving wife and baby daughter  
with a kiss of confidence  
he went to war

Months of futility led to a mountaintop  
surrounded by thunder and rain  
he sent artillery into a valley  
of death and destruction

Suddenly God rendered a decision  
lightning delivered the verdict  
the Marine surrendered without pain

Loss and sorrow clothed his wife  
proud and thankful for his love  
weeping loneliness crushing her soul  
she prayed for her child